



## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Department of Highways District 9 Road Report

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### **Transportation Cabinet improving turn lanes on US 60 in Boyd County** *Safety improvement project*

FLEMINGSBURG, Ky. – Turn lane improvements now under way along US 60 at Summit and Coalton in Boyd County will enhance traffic safety for motorists using the heavily-traveled state highway.

The work, which began today, Monday, Aug. 29, is being done through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) under a \$496,150.70 low-bid contract with Mountain Enterprises Inc.

The project, which is expected to continue through Sept. 30, includes the following construction:

- Right-turn lanes on westbound US 60 at the KY 766 (Bob McCullough Drive) intersection and the KY 716 (East Little Garner Road) intersection at Summit.
- Right-turn lane on eastbound US 60 at the KY 1012 (Boy Scout Road) intersection.
- Left-turn lane extensions at the KY 766 (Bob McCullough Drive and Raybourn Road) intersection.
- Access improvements near Big Run Landfill to accommodate the larger volume of heavy trucks at that location.

Turn lanes provide "braking room" for drivers slowing down to make left or right turns. Without them, drivers making turns must slow down while in the same continuous lanes used by through traffic.

The new and extended turn lanes on US 60 are expected to reduce the risk of crashes, particularly rear-end collisions, by separating those turning vehicles from the continuous flow of traffic. In addition, turn lanes promote more efficient traffic flow on heavily traveled highways, thereby reducing congestion.

Turn-lane construction began today at the intersection of US 60 and KY 766 (Bob McCullough Drive). Construction will progress from that location to the KY 1012, KY

766 and Big Run Landfill intersections.

During construction, there will be daytime lane closures on US 60 at each work site. All lanes will reopen at night. The closures are necessary to protect construction workers and the traveling public.

While efforts are being made to keep lane restrictions short and minimize delays, motorists should be prepared for longer drive times, especially in heavy traffic, and should plan routes accordingly. Motorists are advised to slow down – speed limits will be reduced in work zones – set aside ample time to reach destinations, and remain aware of workers and construction equipment at all times.

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